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JOHN A. HOGE, SUP'T MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

Alabama Institution for the Deaf & Dumb.

The Board of Commissioners of the Alabama Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, by their Secretary, beg leave to submit the following Report:

The Reports of the Officers of the Institution, which are are herewith submitted, give a condensed statement of its condition and progress during the two years ending July first, A. D. 1863. It will be seen, that while there has been no increase in the number of pupils in attendance, there has been no material decline consequent upon the unsettled condition of society produced by the Revolution.

The number of officers in the Institution has been somewhat reduced. Dr. Johnson, the Principal, having also undertaken to discharge the duties of Steward, thus lessening the expenses of the Institution to the amount of the Steward's salary. By the exercise of the most rigid economy, the necessary current expenses of the Institution have been kept very nearly within the bounds of the annual appropriation of five thousand dollars. The Board find, however, that the rapid increase of prices for every description of supplies, render it absolutely necessary that they should call for an increase of the annual appropriation. They feel reluctant to make this call, have made every effort to avoid it, and do so only after it becomes a necessity. The fact, that they have been able to conduct such an Institution until the third year of the war, without additional assistance from the State, is of itself evidence as to the economy and frugality with which the limited resources of the Institution have been managed. We believe that with an annual appropriation of seven thou-

sand five hundred dollars, the Institution can sustain itself, and we recommend an increase of the appropriation to that amount.

The entire expenses of the Institution for the two years amount to the sum of $11,998 68; the credits from receipts from pay pupils and other sources, amount to the sum of $1,309 50; leaving to be paid from State appropriation, $10,489 18; thus making an annual expense of $5,244 59. The purchase of supplies for the ensuing year, at the present exorbitant prices, will necessarily require an increase in the amount of appropriation.

The above estimates are made without reference to the Mechanical Department, which we are gratified to be able to state has thus far proved self-sustaining.

The Commissioners take pleasure in bearing testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency of the officers of the Institution, and the success which has attended their management. The pupils have made rapid progress in their studies, and present a contented and cheerful appearance.

The buildings and grounds present at all times a neat and cleanly appearance, and every department is kept in perfect order.

There are about two hundred deaf mutes in Alabama, according to the last census taken, and it is reasonable to suppose that nearly one-half of this number are within the educational age, and four-fifths of them in indigent circumstances. The State has wisely undertaken to provide for the education of this unfortunate class. Without education they are not only forced to drag out a miserable existence in hopeless ignorance, but are a standing tax upon the public, most of them paupers during life. Educate them, and you not only discharge a duty to these unfortunates, but you at once elevate them to the position of useful citizens, capable of providing for themselves. They become members of society, can communicate with their fellow men, and understand their duties and relations, not only to the world in which they live, but to God who made them, and the Savior who redeemed them.

Since the last published report, there has been a vacancy in the Board of Commissioners, occasioned by the death of the lamented Col. James B. Martin, who fell in the defence of his country, while gallantly leading a charge at the battle of Drainesville, Va. No nobler spirit has fallen since the commencement of our struggle for independence. In his death the country lost a valuable citizen, the army a brave and true soldier, and the deaf mute a tried friend and warm advocate.

Governor Shorter appointed Col. George S. Walden to fill the vacancy in the Board, and being a gentleman in every respect qualified for the position, the Senate will doubtless confirm his appointment.

M. H. CRUIKSHANK, *Sec'ry pro tem.*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Gen. JACOB T. BRADFORD, President of the Alabama Insitution for the Deaf and Dumb:

SIR:—Owing to the absence in the army of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of this Institution, no report was submitted to his excellency the Governor for the school year ending, 1st July, 1862, as is required by law. In the following report, I shall therefore give a brief history of the Institution, from the date of the last report to the present time.

We feel constrained to express our gratitude to God for the almost uninterrupted good health of the officers and pupils of the Institution, and for our prosperity and success.

During the past two years we have had no serious case of

sickness. It is true we are called upon to mourn the death of one of our oldest pupils, Miss Minerva Yeatman, of this county, who died from a complicated attack of measles, on the fourth day of June, 1862. At the same time we have reason to rejoice, that through the instrumentalities of this Institution, she was brought to understand her relations to her Creator, and died trusting in the merits of the Savior of the world.

Since the last report, we have also sustained a great loss in the death of one of the best friends to the deaf mute—the Hon. James B. Martin, a member of the Board of Commissioners, who fell fighting gallantly for our liberties at the battle of Drainesville, Va. The Board, I have no doubt, will take and commit to record, suitable action in reference to his death.

The whole number of pupils who have been admitted into the Institution during the past two school years, is twenty-eight, a list of whom, with their places of residence, accompanies this report. They have been of eight grades of scholarship, thus necessitating eight classes, and of course have not made that progress which they would have done had they all been admitted at the beginning of each school year, and placed in one or two classes. It is agreed by those experienced in deaf mute instruction, that a teacher cannot instruct more than *one class, composed of not* more than a maximum of eighteen pupils. It is, therefore, highly necessary that the Board adopt a rule to admit pupils only at the opening of the session. I am aware that in young Institutions, before they become known to the public, this is not always practicable, but with us, having been in existence five years, I think it time we adopt that course.

There has been no assistant teacher employed since the date of last report. Mr. Asbury, the Steward, and Mrs. Johnson, have, however, assisted me, when their other duties would allow.

Mr. Asbury the faithful and efficient Steward, and his wife, Mrs. C. B. Asbury, our accomplished Matron, left us at the

close of the session in July, 1862. Mr. A. having entered the army. Since that time, I have, with the assistance of Mrs. Johnson, discharged all the duties of the Institution.

I am necessarily absent from the school room oftentimes, to look up and purchase supplies, at which time Mr. Hughston, the Superintendent of the Mechanical Department, supplies my place. I here take pleasure in bearing testimony to Mr. Hughston's faithful discharge of his duties, both as Superintendent of Mechanical Department, and Assistant Teacher. He is a deaf mute, but I know of no more faithful and intelligent officer connected with any Institution in this country.

Owing to the exorbitant prices of every description of supplies for the past year, we have hardly been able to keep the current expenses of the Institution within the sum of the annual appropriation. If the Commissioners had no reserved fund to fall back upon, I would be bound, in view of the daily increase in the prices of every thing, to recommend a discontinuance of the exercises of the Institution.

The annual appropriation of five thousand dollars, at the present time, is totally inadequate for the purposes of the Institution. I am not able to buy as much now of any staple article of provisions, for three thousand dollars, as I could for five hundred dollars, two years ago. I, therefore, earnestly request of the Board to ask of the Legislature an increase of the annual appropriation to eight thousand dollars, which was the smallest amount appropriated by any other State in the Confederacy before the war. This appropriation is not for the benefit of the sick, or those who have the power to provide for themselves in any other manner, but for the poor deaf mutes of our own State, who, without an education, must grow up perfect blanks in the community, even though they are surrounded with wealth and every thing done for them that fond parents and friends can do. Without education, they are little removed from other dumb creatures.

Educate them and we have useful men and women, good citizens, and valuable members of society. I cannot think, then, that the Legislature of Alabama, which has been so liberal heretofore in its appropriations, giving, in every instance

all that we have asked, will allow this noble charity to fail for lack of a few dollars. If the reserved fund, which was asked for and granted to make some necessary improvements, is encroached upon or entirely exhausted, as it must be, if the school is kept in operation during the present stringent times, we will at the close of the war have nothing left to keep the buildings and premises in repair, parts of which even now stand in need of it.

I therefore respectfully ask of the Board to invite the especial attention of our representatives in the Legislature to this subject.

The Mechanical Department, as will be seen from the accompanying exhibit, has been self-supporting, and is the first and only establishment of the kind connected with a similar Institution in this country that has paid its own expenses, until after many years.

We stand much in need of slates for the school room, to use instead of the black-board. These can be bought, I have no doubt, from the Georgia Institution. The cost will be no greater than for black-boards, and they are infinitely better. I, therefore, respectfully ask the Board to procure them for us.

I shall use my utmost endeavors to conduct the school in a manner alike creditable to the State and to myself. I herewith also submit an account current of the expenses of the Institution, since date of last report. Finally, I beg leave to return to you, and through you to the Board of Commissioners and to his Excellency the Governor, my sincere thanks for the uniform kindness and generosity that I have experienced at your hands.

J. H. JOHNSON, *Principal.*

July 1*st*, 1863.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Steward's account of current expenses, rendered quarterly, since date of last report, July 1st, 1862.

Expenses of 1st Qr., ending 30th Sept., 1861,.....	$416 56
" of 2d " " 31st Dec., 1861,.....	1288 75
" of 3d " " 31st Mar., 1862,.....	618 80
" of 4th " " 30th June, 1862,.....	580 85
Four quarters' salary of Steward and Matron,.....	1000 00

R. R. ASBURY, *Steward.*

Expenses of 1st Qr., ending Sept. 30th, 1862,.....	596 27
" of 2d " " Dec. 31st, 1862,.....	704 44
" of 3d " " Mar. 31st, 1862,.....	1665 95
" of 4th " " June 30th, 1862,.....	529 59
	$7,401 21
Drafts have not been drawn for the full amount of the above account; credits having been made on them of moneys received from pay pupils, and from the sale of a pair of mules, a horse and other property of the Institution, as shown on the back of warrants on Treasurer.	
Amount paid Principal's salary, same time,.....	3,000 00
	$10,401 21

Cr. on 4th Qr., 1861, to R. R. A.	$148 00	
" on 1st " 1862, to J. H. J.....	590 00	
" on 2d " 1862, to J. H. J.....	88 00	
" on 3d " 1862, to J. H. J.....	451 50	
" on 4th " 1864, to J. H. J.....	232 00	—1,509 50
Balance,.....		$8,891 71

J. H. JOHNSON, *Acting Steward.*

EXHIBIT

Of Receipts and Disbursements in Mechanical Department, since last Report, to 1st July, 1863.

Cash rec'd, July 1,	$3,215 80	Cash paid out, July 1,	$2,834 95
Cash on hand,	380 85	Liabilities,	00 00
Accounts due on books,	387 42		
Total	$768 27		

E. M. HUGHSTON,
Superintendent Shoe Shop.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gabriel B. du Val, Treasurer, in Account with the Alabama Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Dr.

1862.		
Sept. 30,	To balance in Treasury.....	522 86
	" Deposit in Farmers Bank....	5,848 74
1863.		
Jan. 27,	" Annual Appropriation.....	5,000 00
		$11,371 60
Nov. 5.	To Balance brought down.....	4,679 36½

Cr.

1862.		
Oct. 27.	By warrant on Tr. Jno. D. Carter,	381 27
Dec. 28,	" ch'k on Farmer's Bk. J.A.Farley,	1,498 91½
1863.		
Jan. 16,	" warrant on Tr. H. D. Herron,	141 59
" "	"ch'k on Farmers Bk. H. D. Herron,	208 41
April 2,	" warrant, H. D. Herron,.....	1,789 45
July 22,	" do do do	672 59
Oct. 13,	" do L. G. Sturdevant,.....	500 60
Nov. 5,	" do H. D. Herron,.....	1,500 00
	" amount to balance.....	4,679 36½
		$11,371 60

November 5, 1863.

GABRIEL B. DU VAL, *Treasurer.*

List of Pupils,

ADMITTED SINCE LAST REPORT.

NAMES.		RESIDENCE.
W. S. Johnson,....	1	Floyd Co. Ga.....Pay Pupil.
Minerva Yeatman,.....	2	Talladega, Ala.....Died.
Mary McCarter,.....	3	Talladega, Ala.
Missouri McCarter,.....	4	Talladega, Ala.
Benjamin F. Canada,.....	5	Calhoun Co., Ala.
Andrew J. Willis,.....	6	DeKalb Co., Ala.
Lavina Haws,.....	7	Barbour Co., Ala.
George Low,.....	8	Macon Co., Ala....Pay Pupil.
Joseph A. Chandler,.....	9	Tallapoosa Co., Ala.
Maria C. Mimms,.....	10	Autauga Co., Ala. Pay Pupil.
Sarah Straughan,.....	11	Monroe Co., Ala...Pay Pupil.
John W. Patrick,.....	12	DeKalb Co., Ala.
John W. Brazil, ...	13	Fayette Co., Ala.
Mary A. Wakefield,.....	14	Calhoun Co., Ala.
Mary J. Stephens,.....	15	Blount Co., Ala.
Julia C. Payne,.....	16	DeKalb Co., Ala.
Eliza Payne,.....	17	DeKalb Co., Ala.
Hannah M. Crow.....	18	DeKalb Co., Ala.
Joseph H. C. Stewart,....	19	Cherokee Co. Ala. Pay Pupil.
Josephine Mabar,.....	20	Tallapoosa Co. Ala.
William J. Campbell,.....	21	Coosa Co., Ala.
Jehu A. Hoge,.....	22	Calhoun Co., Ala.
William E. Capers,.....	23	Macon Co. Ala.
Fannie B. Capers,.....	24	Macon Co. Ala.
George W. Walker,.....	25	Coosa Co., Ala.
James P. Barker.....	26	Calhoun Co., Ala...Pay Pupil.
Isaac N. Campbell,.....	27	Marengo Co., Ala.
Elvira E. Elrod,.....	28	Calhoun Co., Ala.

State Beneficiaries.....22 } 28
Pay Pupils..... 6 }

Terms of Admission.

Beneficiaries of the State are received into the Institution, free of charge for board and tuition. The parents or friends must furnish neat comfortable clothing, or deposit the money to purchase them with the Steward. They must also pay their traveling expenses to and from the Institution. Pay pupils charged one hundred and forty dollars for school year of forty weeks, until further orders from the Board.

No pupil of known bad character, or one who has any contageous disease, admitted.

The term opens on the first Monday in October, and continues forty weeks. JOS. H. JOHNSON, *Principal.*

Indigent Pupils---How Admitted.

As a matter of convenience to those who may desire to send indigent pupils to the Institution, we copy in full the eighth section of the Act of the 27th of January, 1869, establishing the Institution:

"*Be it further enacted*, That the main object of the Institution shall be to afford the means of education to the indigent deaf and dumb of the State. Application for admission must be made to the Board of Commissioners in writing, and must state their name, age, place of birth and present residence, how long the applicant has been a resident of this State, that he or she is deaf and dumb, that the applicant, or his or her family, are unable to pay his or her board and tuition.—This application must be sworn to by the applicant, or by some one cognisant of the facts, and filed with the Board.—Whereupon the Board shall, if they deem the proof sufficient, cause an order to be entered on the record of their proceedings, admitting said applicant, a certified copy of which shall be delivered to the applicant or his or her parent, guardian or friend, who shall thereupon be admitted as a member of said Institution, for the period of time specified in the certificate."